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Oil Production in Sofia - September 1952

1. The Skala Metalware Cooperative, located at No. 19 Stambulov Street in Sofia, produces metal household goods, decorating paints, and oil for hydraulic brakes. According to the mid-1950 production rate, the annual production of oil is approximately 10,000 liters. Glycerine required for the oil is supplied by the Georgi Dimitrov (formerly Chulov) Soap Factory at Kostinbrod (N 42-49, E 23-13), about 15 kilometers northwest of Sofia.
2. Other factories which produce similar oils obtain their glycerine from Zavod No. 12, a military plant located at Kazanluk (N 42-37, E 25-24). It is very difficult to get a government allocation of glycerin.

Automobile Information - Mid-1952

3. All new Soviet trucks are reserved for the Army, and surplus Army trucks are allocated to the collective farms. Spare parts for Soviet vehicles are in sufficient supply, but there are none at all for the old West European vehicles.
4. Tires are imported principally from the USSR, but since there is a shortage (particularly of the larger sizes), all tires are distributed by the authorities. A tire factory in Sofia produces tires of inferior quality.
5. Fuel is rationed by means of coupons issued by the police department. A detailed report on how the previous coupons were used must be submitted to the police before new coupons are issued.

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